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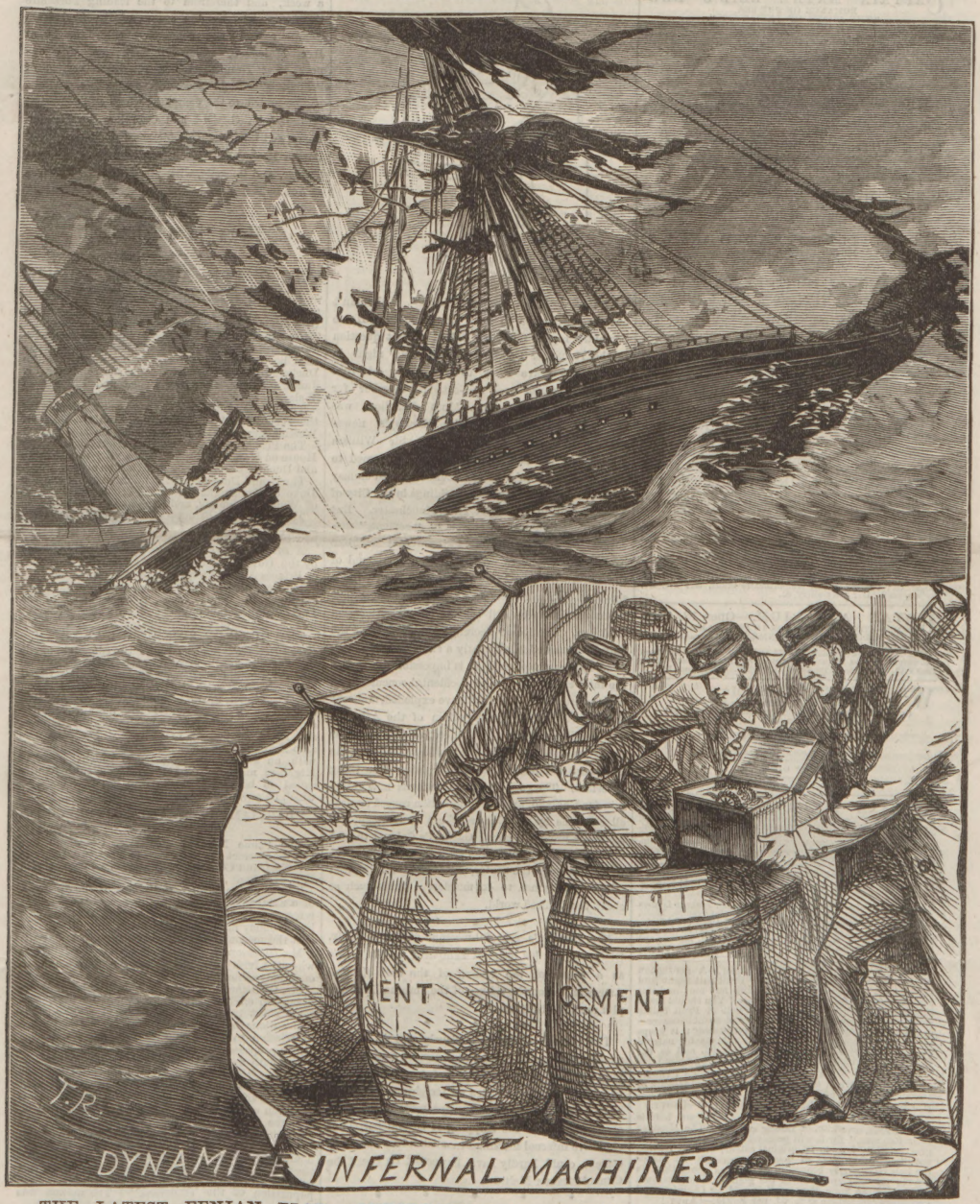

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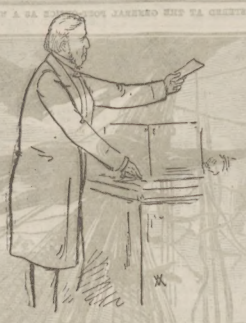
OUR LONDON LETTER.



"ARE we in England or in Hell?" I shouldn't have been surprised to hear our portentous Home Secretary repeat William Cobbett's blunt question in the House of Commons on Monday night in making his grave reply to the query of that ineffably superior and self-satisfied member for Liverpool, Lord Sandon. Most diabolical was the plot revealed to us by Monday's newspapers, and verified officially by Sir William Harcourt. We had almost grown accustomed to such madcap pranks as the ineffectual and clumsy attempts to damage public buildings in the City of London and in Liverpool and Manchester. But the importation of the barrels of "cement," discovered at Liverpool to contain infernal machines loaded with explosive nitro-lignine, a compound of the nature of gun-cotton, each furnished with a six-hour clockwork movement, puts the most serious aspect on this dare-devil scheme of wild American Irishmen. The Home Secretary said, "One of the barrels contained in all nearly a stone weight of this nitro-lignine compound. It is impossible to estimate the fatal effects of even an accidental concussion on such a material." It might have exploded, and sent the Cunard steamer to the bottom of the Atlantic. The possible consequences, indeed, of this infamous procedure on the part of the reckless plotters in the States are too terrible to contemplate. One thing is certain. The good feeling Americans now entertain for England, and the indignation roused against all assassins by the dastardly act of Guiteau, will assuredly prompt General Garfield's Cabinet to take immediate steps against the Irish fanatics who spout treason through the States, and incite their ignorant fellow-countrymen to do murderous deeds such as shock the civilised world.

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Mrs. Garfield's grateful message of thanks to Mr. Gladstone for his letter of sympathy may be taken as a token of the feeling of the best class of Americans when the tidings of the Infernal Machine plot reached the States.

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The Cunard Company obviously owe it to their passengers to make it clear that greater care in shipping goods shall be exercised in future. Were they to make it a rule to receive no freightage from anyone save a trustworthy and respectable agent, such an occurrence as the shipping of several barrels of explosive infernal machines in mistake for barrels of cement could hardly have happened on board the Cunard steamer Malta.

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Liverpool, in need of something bright to dissipate its gloom, will be certain to welcome the Carl Rosa Opera Company, who begin their new provincial tour at the Alexandra on Monday night next with a most attractive programme. Mr. Rosa has been actively rehearsing "Lohengrin," to be produced in Liverpool in English with great magnificence, and with that general completeness for which the Carl Rosa Company is now famous. After a week in Liverpool, Mr. Rosa goes to Dublin for a fortnight, thence to Southport and Blackpool for a week, and therefrom to the leading Yorkshire theatres. The London season of the Carl Rosa Company will not commence till Jan. 14 at Her Majesty's, when Herr Schött will appear in "Tannhäuser," a rewritten version of "Pauline" will be produced, and Mdlle. Valleria will be added to the company, which still comprises Mdlles. Julia Gaylord and Georgina Burns, Clara Perry, and Lilian La Rue, Messrs. F. C. Packard, and Barton M'Guckin, Messrs. Ludwig, Lyall, Crotty, Turner, and Snazelle, with Mr. Joseph D. McLaren as Acting Manager.

PHILIP.

News in a Nutshell.

THE QUEEN AND THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES.

THE Crown Prince and Princess of Germany dined with the Queen on Sunday at Osborne.

The Duchess of Cambridge completed her eighty-fourth year on Monday. The Queen sent a beautiful bouquet and a present to her aunt, and the Duchess received personal visits at her residence, St. James's Pance, from the Prince and Princess of Wales.

The Prince of Wales was present at the funeral of the Very Rev. Arthur Penrhyn Stanley, Dean of Westminster, in Westminster Abbey on Monday.

The Prince and Princess of Wales left Marlborough House on Monday afternoon on a visit to the Duke and Duchess of Richmond and Gordon at Goodwood.

The Grand Duke of Mecklenburg-Strelitz and the Duke of Connaught visited the Prince and Princess of Wales on Monday, and remained to luncheon.

The Prince and Princess of Wales will visit Liverpool on Sept. 6. The Prince will formally open a new North Dock.

A grand ball was given at Sydney last Saturday by the Governor, Lord Augustus Loftus, in honour of Princes Albert Victor and George of Wales.

The departure of the detached squadron was postponed at the last moment, in consequence of the Earl of Clanwilliam having suffered a relapse.

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AT LEITH.

The Reserve Squadron, under the command of the Duke of Edinburgh, arrived in the Firth of Forth on Monday, and anchored near Inchkeith. His Royal Highness dined with Sir Donald Currie, M.P., on board the Garth Castle. The new dock at Leith was opened on Tuesday under the most favourable auspices. In the forenoon, the Provost, magistrates, and Town Council of Leith visited her Majesty's ship Hercules, and presented the Duke of Edinburgh with an address of welcome, to which his Royal Highness made a brief reply. He subsequently sailed on board the Berlin into the new dock, to which he gave the name of "Edinburgh."

PARLIAMENT AND THE LIVERPOOL SCARE.

The Prime Minister and Mrs. Gladstone left Downing-street on Saturday, to pass two nights at the Earl and Countess of Aberdeen's house at Mill Hill, Hendon.

The report published on Monday of the discovery of a number of infernal machines at Liverpool was referred to by Lord Sandon in the House of Commons last Monday night, and the Home Secretary stated that the accounts were substantially correct.

Mr. Gladstone was loudly cheered by his followers when the Irish Land Bill passed through Committee on Friday se'nnight.

Mr. Gladstone having asked on Monday that the discussion on Tunisian affairs should be postponed for a short time in consequence of certain communications between our Government and France in relation to Tunis and Tripoli, Sir M. Hicks-Beach proposed the motion of which he had given notice with respect to the Transvaal, which was as follows:—"That in the opinion of this House the course pursued by her Majesty's Government with respect to the rising in the Transvaal, so far as it has yet been explained to Parliament, has resulted in the loss of valuable lives without vindicating the authority of the Crown, is fraught with danger to the future tranquillity and safety of her Majesty's dominions in South Africa, and fails to provide for the fulfilments of the obligations contracted by this country towards the European settlers and native population of the Transvaal." The motion was

seconded by Baron H. De Worms. Mr. Rathbone moved as an amendment—"That this House, believing that the continuance of the war with the Transvaal Boers would not have advanced the honour or the interests of this country, approves the steps taken by her Majesty's Government to bring about a peaceful settlement, and feels confident that every care will be taken to guard the interests of the natives, to provide for the full liberty and equal treatment of the entire white population, and to promote harmony and good-will among the various races in South Africa." The amendment was seconded by Mr. H. H. Fowler. The debate was continued by Sir Henry Holland and Mr. Chamberlain, Mr. Gladstone, Sir Stafford Northcote, and—Mr. O'Donnell. The House divided, when there appeared 314 for the amendment, and 295 against—a crusher for Hicks-Beach, who bore his defeat manfully, however.

The Duke of Cambridge made his annual inspection of the Household troops at Wormwood-scrubbs at 8 a.m. on Monday.

The Duke the same day presented the Queen's Commissions to the Cadets of the Royal Military Academy at Woolwich. H.R.H. said he was far from satisfied with the report; for, although the conduct of the cadets generally had been satisfactory, there had been certain irregularities which, if not very serious, had been such as to incur his displeasure. The conduct of these cadets had been unsoldierly and ungentlemanly, and without discipline they were worse than useless. Discipline he must and would have, even if enforced.

The Duke at the Lord Mayor's banquet to the Volunteer officers on Saturday made out he had been always the friend of the Volunteer!

The Duke of Richmond narrowly escaped a shocking accident, at Chichester railway station, last Monday evening. He was on the point of crossing the line when the Royal train with the Prince and Princess of Wales who were on their way to Goodwood, ran up, and the Duke was only saved by the promptness of the station-master in dragging him back upon the platform.

President Garfield has had a relapse, which has given rise to some anxiety. On Saturday morning he had a chill, followed by an increase in the fever. On Sunday an operation was made in order to facilitate the discharge of pus from the wound, and, so far, success attended the operation, the latest account stating that the fever was decreasing.

The committee appointed by the Admiralty to inquire into the suitability and safety of the present site of the powder hulks in the Mersey commenced its sittings in the Liverpool Townhall on Monday.

Private Beck, of Tiverton, and the Devon team arrived at Exeter on Monday with the China Vase, won at Wimbledon. This is the second time that it has been taken by Devon, and it is the second time that the Queen's Prize has been carried off by a volunteer from the county. The China Cup was taken out of its case at the station and placed in a wagonnette, in which the members of the team also took their seats. A band and a guard of honour as an escort accompanied the vehicle; but just after starting the crowd stopped the procession, took out the horses from the carriage, and drew it to the Guildhall, where the vase was publicly received by the Mayor. Beck had a grand reception both at Exeter and Tiverton.

Mr. Bradlaugh, M.P., obtained on Monday a short extension of time in which to move for a new trial in the action brought against him by Mr. Clarke. The hon. member intends to ask for a new trial on the ground that the verdict in Mr. Clarke's favour was against the weight of evidence. Mr. Bradlaugh will be allowed access to the lobby on presenting himself on Aug. 3, but on his attempting to enter the House the door will be closed.

A telegram from Gibraltar states that a duel was fought on Sunday night within the Spanish lines between a Spanish captain and a lieutenant. The captain was killed and the lieutenant dangerously wounded. Two fatal duels are also reported from Germany.

The New York papers publish a despatch from San Domingo, dated the 10th inst., announcing that the insurgent leader Alvarez appeared near the capital on the night of the 3rd inst., with fifty followers, and opened fire on the west gate of the town. The Government troops surrounded the insurgents, nine of whom were killed and fifteen taken prisoners.

The King of the Sandwich Islands on Sunday called at Marlborough House to take leave of the Prince and Princess of Wales. The King and suite left Claridge's Hotel shortly before eight in the evening for Dover, en route for Brussels.

DISASTROUS STORM IN SHETLAND.

A terrific gale blew over the Shetland Islands on Wednesday night and Thursday morning last week, causing a great loss of life. It appears that eleven fishing-boats have been lost, and no fewer than between sixty and seventy men must have perished. A portion of one of the Yell boats has been driven ashore at Unst; also the body of the captain.

The Revenue cutter Eagle proceeded to sea in search of boats, and on Sunday picked up one about five miles south-east of Skerries. There was not a single soul on board. On being taken to Lerwick, this boat was identified as belonging to Unst. One boat had a most miraculous escape. It was one of the large full-decked boats, and the crew, having set their nets, decided to stick by them. In this way boat and nets rode out the storm, although the craft was often covered by the heavy seas. When the storm abated, the men found an extraordinarily heavy take of herrings in the nets; indeed, the boat was unable to take all on board.

In Shetland it is the custom for father and sons, and perhaps other relatives, to fish in the same boat; and thus several families are deprived of all their bread-winners.

The people in Lerwick, alive to the necessity for immediate assistance, held a public meeting to consider what should be done to relieve the distress among the widows, orphans, and aged, helpless dependents on the fishing. Let any of our readers able and willing to help the widows and orphans send instant aid, through the medium of a Postal Note, to the Chairman of the Lerwick Committee, Lerwick, N.B.!

LAST WEEK'S WRECKS.

There were thirty-two British and foreign wrecks, of which eighteen were British, two being steamers, reported during the past week, making a total of 984 for the present year, or an increase of 238 as compared with the corresponding period of last year. The approximate value of property lost was £3,200,000, including British £1,700,000. Twenty vessels were lost off the coasts of the United Kingdom, including eleven fishing-boats off the Shetlands, with the loss of sixty-three men. Three vessels sank by collision.

A SAD SMALLPOX STORY.

A correspondent who has been on a visit to Odiham, in Hants, writes as follows:—"At Odiham a family of three people—father, mother, and son—were attacked by smallpox; their neighbours would not go near them, and I am told that the relieving officer declined to send them any relief. The father and mother died, and two coffins were placed outside their cottage door, into which the son, himself weak from the same disease, had to put the bodies. When the father died I do not know, but the mother died on the afternoon of last Sunday, July 17, and was buried at eleven o'clock on the same night. I believe that the parish doctor was away for his holiday, and that his *locum tenens*, doubtless for some sufficient reason, did not visit them. The parish priest was also away, and the deceased received no religious consolation in their last moments. In fact, they were shunned by all. At the burial the beadle or sexton refused to hold the lantern to enable the clergyman to read the service, or come near the coffin, and the light had to be held by a mutual friend of mine and the minister. I am also told that this burial took place without any certificate of death having been given. Altogether, I think an inquiry should take place.

The Playgoer.

THOUGH Mr. Irving has vanished from the Lyceum (which is to reopen, renovated, on Dec. 26 with "The Two Roses"), and Mr. Toole has gone from the Folly, and other managers are following their example, there are yet a few spirited lessees plucky enough to begin fresh theatrical enterprises in July. This (Saturday) evening, for example, a new and ambitious drama of "The World" type called "Youth," will be played for the first time at Drury Lane. Then, a week ago, Mr. Wyndham produced at the Criterion a rollicking farcical comedy, "Flats," humorously and unobjectionably adapted from the French by Mr. George R. Sims. "Flats, in Four Stories" is good for many a restful laugh at the foibles of Mr. Sims's funny characters, who in the course of much bustling action and manifold complications of a ludicrous nature let one into the secret of the troubles of Mr. Hill and Mrs. Mellon. Queen Anne's Mansions, the scene of many a queer occurrence in real life, furnish the architectural "Flats" of the Criterion; but as to which are the living "Flats" of the merry piece, Mr. Standing as the lion comique, and Mr. Giddens as the aesthete, or Miss Harriet Coveney and Mr. Hill, or Mr. Owen Dove and Mrs. Mellon, the playgoer will be best pleased to find out for himself.

Mr. F. C. Burnand's admirable comedy of "The Colonel," which adroitly satirises the æsthetic humbugs of Society, continues its brilliantly successful career at the Prince of Wales's, where it is bound to run through the Summer season. The witty dialogue and quiet comedy of "The Colonel" offer one of the pleasantest entertainments in town. Capitally acted by the Prince of Wales's company, which comprises such skilled artists as Mr. Coghlan, Mr. Beerbohm Tree, Mr. W. Herbert, Miss Amy Roselle, Miss Holme, Miss C. Grahame, Miss Houston, and Mrs. Leigh Murray, "The Colonel" is one of the season's plays no one should omit to see.

FUNERAL OF DEAN STANLEY.

AT an early hour last Monday afternoon a large crowd assembled at those doors of Westminster Abbey which were set apart for the admission of the general public to witness the funeral of Dean Stanley. The body, inclosed in three coffins, the outer one of which is of oak, lay at that time surrounded with flowers in the small drawing-room of the deanery, amidst many portraits and many tokens of his Sovereign's esteem. The inscription upon the brass plate of the coffin runs as follows:—

"The Very Rev. Arthur Penrhyn Stanley, second son of the Right Rev. Edward Stanley, Bishop of Norwich, born 13th December, 1815, died 18th July, 1881."

At the head of the coffin rested a black satin cushion bearing upon it the Dean's Golden Order. A wreath of beautiful China flowers, sent by the Queen, half covered the inscription, and resting upon the black velvet pall, with its border of white silk, was a wreath of immortelles sent as a tribute of grateful and affectionate remembrance by the Crown Princess of Germany; another from Princess Beatrice, one from the Duchess of Edinburgh, and a fifth from Prince Leopold. Tokens of respect and affection there were, too, from all the countries of Europe, and a beautiful white china floral cross upon a purple velvet ground, had been transmitted to the Deanery as a tribute of gratitude from the Armenians. Another fragrant and beautiful offering, inscribed "Au vaillant apôtre de l'amitié," had been sent by the French Protestant friends of the late Dean. Her Royal Highness Princess Christian also sent a wreath of tuberoses and stephanotis; and a token of singular beauty has been presented by the workmen of the Abbey, with their respect and great sorrow at the loss of their dear master. Amongst the other floral tributes were those sent by the Westminster Boys and the nurses of Westminster Hospital.

Shortly after three o'clock the mourners entered the chapel in the following order:—

Masters and Scholars of the Westminster School.
The Surveyor. The Auditor.
The Clerk of the Works. The Mason.
The Choir.
The Minor Canons.
The Canons' Verger.
The Canons.
His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury.
Rev. R. T. Davidson. John Hassard, Esq.
The late Dean's Verger.
The Chapter Clerk. The Sub-Dean. The Receiver.

THE BODY

PALL-BEARERS. PALL-BEARERS.
Mr. Matthew Arnold. Mr. Spottiswoode, D.R.S.
Rev. Dr. Stoughton. Rev. Dr. Storey.
Rev. Canon Westcott. Master of Balliol.
Right Hon. W. H. Smith, M.P. Right Hon. W. E. Forster, M.P.
The Bishop of Exeter. The Duke of Westminster.

The Chief Mourner.
The Mourners, in succession.
The Servants.
The Prince of Wales.
Members and Representatives of the Royal Family.
The Foreign Ambassadors.
The Gentlemen from Jerusalem Chamber.
The Court of Burgesses of the City of Westminster.
The Adjutant and Officers of the Queen's Westminster Volunteers.
Societies and Deputations.

Upon entering the Abbey, the first part of the ceremony was performed by Archdeacon Jennings and Canon Prothero, in the presence not only of the mourners, but of Lord Thurlow representing her Majesty, Prince Christian, and the noblemen and gentlemen representing other members of the Royal family, and Mr. Gladstone. The mourners then proceeded to Henry VII.'s chapel, where the interment was completed and the benediction pronounced by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

BOATING AND BATHING ACCIDENTS.

Alexander Fettis, a draper's apprentice, while bathing last Monday morning, at Montrose, was seized with cramp, and Mr. Campbell, manager in a clothier's shop in Dundee, swam out to his assistance. Fettis caught hold of Campbell round the neck, and both men were carried out by the current and drowned. A third gentleman nearly lost his life while trying to save them.

A fatal boating accident occurred about seven o'clock on Sunday night off Roker, near Sunderland. Two men were out in a small boat and got near the rocks, when the craft suddenly capsized. One of the men succeeded in swimming ashore, but the other, James Taylor, was drowned. It is alleged that a party in a pleasure-boat made no effort to save the deceased, who was a labourer, and leaves a widow and five children.

DEATH OF THE DUKE OF BEAUFORT'S YOUNGEST SON IN THE CRICKET-FIELD.

Lord Henry Fitzroy Francis Somerset, youngest son of the Duke of Beaufort, died suddenly in the cricket-field on Saturday last. He had arranged to play in a match between the Westonbirt and Kingscote Clubs in the park of Mr. Holford, at Westonbirt, some miles from Badminton, the ducal seat in Gloucestershire. His Lordship took the bat in order to begin the match, when he fell to the ground, and, on being picked up, almost immediately expired. The cause of death was disease of the heart. Lord Fitzroy was in his twenty-sixth year.

The enormous sale of HORNIMAN'S PURE TEA (by some 4000 Agents (Chemists, &c.) at once testifies to the high approval it has realised for its combinedly strong, delicious, and invigorating qualities.—[ADVT.]

Our Illustrations.

THE WIMBLEDON PRIZES.
PRESENTATION BY H.R.H. THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

THE brilliant meeting of the National Rifle Association on Wimbledon Common closed on Saturday last with the presentation of the prizes by the most popular lady in the land, her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales. A covered platform had been erected in the inclosure, and the principal prizes—silver cups, flagons, trophies, and shields—made a handsome show on the tables. The prize-winners were drawn up in open column, and the St. George's Rifles furnished a guard of honour, the Middlesex Yeomanry supplying an escort to the Royal party. The Prince and Princess of Wales, who were accompanied by their children, the Princesses Louise, Victoria, and Maud, and attended by the Hon. Mrs. Coke, Lord Colville of Culross, Sir Dighton Probyn, and Colonel Teesdale, arrived about four o'clock.

THE PRINCESS WORE

a close-fitting silk dress, trimmed with white lace, and of a dark blue colour, which, before a new name had to be found every month for some new product of the dyer's art, would have been called Royal blue. A large bunch of red flowers was worn, in the old fashion, at the throat, hiding the fastening of the wide-spreading lace collarette. The dark "Princess" bonnet was ornamented with roses of several shades of colour. Their Royal Highnesses were joined, soon after the commencement of the ceremony, by the the Duke of Cambridge and the Duke of Teck. Lady Brownlow occupied a place on the dais.

THE PRIZE-WINNERS,

as their names were called by Captain St. John Mildmay, the secretary of the association, filed across the platform, and received their prizes from the hands of the Princess of Wales. Among those who were recognised and cheered were Mr. Martin Smith, the winner of the St. Leger and First Stage of the Albert; Lieutenant M'Kerrell, wearing the London Scottish uniform, the winner of the Henry rifle; Lieutenant Baker, Sergeant-Instructor of Musketry Gilder, winner of the Halford; Lieutenant Whitehead, winner of the Kirkman piano; Corporal Bates, 1st Warwick, Private Caldwell, 1st Renfrew, and Sergeant Dods, 1st Berwick, who divided the first prize in the Bertram and Roberts series, and each of whom had won other prizes; Sergeant Pullman, 2nd Middlesex, winner of the Glen Albyn; Mr. F. Hyde, United States of America, who won the Albert Jewel; Private Lathbury, winner of the *Daily Telegraph* Cup and the Snider Association Cup; Lieutenant Edge, winner of the Any-Rifle Wimbledon Cup; and Mr. Humphry, winner of the Dudley prize. Then came

THE TEAMS

who had won various challenge trophies; two Charterhouse boys to take the Volunteer Cadet Corps trophy for their school; Hayne, of Whitgift School, who took the Spencer Cup in the Public School Match, and saluted as he received his prize with all the *aplomb* of the smartest soldier on parade; the members of the Oxford University Corps, in scarlet uniforms and helmets, to bear off the Chancellor's Challenge Plate and the Inter-Universities Cup; the Canadians, who took the quaintly-fashioned flagons given by the late Rajah of Kolapore; Serjeant Heiton, 2nd Renfrew, to receive the St. George's vase, gold jewel, and dragon cup, which Colonel the Hon. C. H. Lindsay placed in the hands of the Princess to present to the winner.

THE LORD CHANCELLOR

headed the Lords' team, of whom there were present Earl Brownlow, wearing the grey uniform of the 2nd Herts Rifle Volunteers, Lord Cloncurry, Earl Waldegrave, and Lord Walsingham. Lord Selborne bore off one of the great vases which the Maharajah of Vizianagram presented to the Association, and which is annually contested for by teams representing the House of Lords and the House of Commons. The elaborate National Challenge Trophy was carried away by the Scotch team, who were loudly cheered, and the cheering was immediately renewed when the English eight, headed by Sir Henry Halford, appeared to claim the Elcho Shield. Sergeant Osborne, 1st Warwick, having received the Duke of Cambridge's prize of £50, and Sergeant Murray, 5th Lanark, the Prince of Wales's badge and prize of £100, the winners of badges and prizes given in the First Stage of the Queen's were called up First came

PRIVATE BECK, 3rd DEVON, QUEEN'S PRIZE WINNER AT WIMBLEDON.

CORPORAL INGRAM,

in the scarlet full-dress uniform of the 1st Lanark, instead of the dark-green undress in which he had shot for the prize. Next came Major Pearse, in the scarlet tunic of the 4th Devon. Both were cheered. So was

PRIVATE BECK,

who came up to receive the badge and £12 which he had won in the first stage, some laughter being occasioned by the band prematurely striking up "See the Conquering Hero." Such of the Sixty as were present having all received their badges, Mr. Beck, who was in the dark, serviceable grey uniform of the 3rd Devon, was again called up to take the Queen's Prize of £250 and the gold medal and gold badge of the National Rifle Association. Enthusiastic cheers greeted the modest young Devonian, who won *the* prize of the Wimbledon Fortnight with a score of 86, the highest on record. The characteristic likeness we engrave of Private Thomas Beck, 3rd Devon, is from one of the photographs taken in camp by Mr. W. L. Caney, of 46, Grafton-terrace, Maitland-park-road. The Queen's Prize winner, who has since been heartily welcomed home with true Devonshire warmth, is only twenty-three. He is a farmer, and lives with his father near Tiverton. The best shooting he had with the Martini previous to the first stage of the Queen's was 96, which he made about a month or so ago at Bedminster, in the match between the Devonshire and the Middlesex Corps. He has been in the Volunteer force for seven years, but has never until now won any prize of importance.

THE LEADING SPIRIT OF "PUNCH."
MR. F. C. BURNAND

has proved himself so genial a Humourist that we are sure the accompanying portrait of the laughter-raising author, witty dramatist, and genial social reformer will be welcome to the numberless readers of the PENNY ILLUSTRATED PAPER.

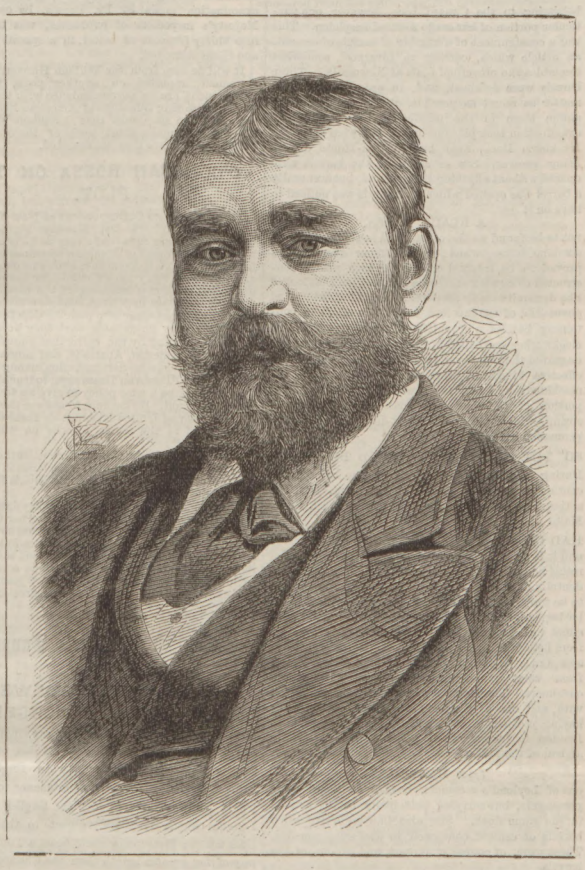
The high anticipations current in literary circles when FRANCIS COWLEY BURNAND was appointed Editor of *Punch* have been more than realised. At once our leading humorous and satirical journal began to sparkle; and abuses were trenchantly tilted at with a smartness worthy of *Punch*. Topics are, under the masterly direction of Mr. Burnand, treated in *Punch* in that light, touch-and-go style which is most relishable in the London Charivari And, besides, the pages formerly unilluminated by the artist are now brightened by a profusion of quaint designs, of which the funny figures of Mr. Harry Furniss are, perhaps, the most humorous.

The power Mr. Burnand exercises as Editor of *Punch* was strikingly exemplified the other day, when, in response to a tenderly-written poem on behalf of the poor gutter children of London, no less than £170 was within a week of the publication of the verses received from the readers of *Punch* to procure for the indigent little ones of town a heart-gladdening holiday in Epping Forest, Bushey Park, Petersham, Greenwich Park, or some other of the suburban oases to which we fly for a breath of fresh air. We have reason to know that Mr. Burnand is, with characteristic kind-heartedness, devoting himself heart and soul to the best possible distribution of this sum, probably increased now to over £200; and we have no doubt the result will be a treat such as Little London has not known for many a long day.

Mr. Burnand, being now but forty-four, is in the prime of life; and we hope he may live long to enjoy the richly won honours that should crown his hard literary career, which has not been all sugar and honey. Educated at Eton, and at Trinity College, Cambridge, Mr. Burnand served a long apprenticeship to Literature and the Drama before he attained his present position. But everything his 'prentice hand touched was brilliant, and yielded mirth to the public. Who has not laughed over the humorous burlesque *London Journal* story of "Mokeana," wherewith he won his spurs on *Punch*, and his inimitable "Happy Thoughts" in the same pages? On the stage the versatility of his genius has been shown in a variety of clever theatrical work—"The Turn of the Tide" drama at the Queen's; the most popular burlesques on record, "Ixion" and "Black-Eyed Seusan," at the Royalty; "Betsy," at the Criterion; and the still-running æsthetic comedy of "The Colonel" at the Prince of Wales's, one of the most conspicuous successes of the present London season. Mr. Burnand elicited much mirth by the

fun which brimmed over in "The Club" and "Diplunacy" at the Strand, and in "Robbing Roy" at the Gaiety; and it is worthy remark that it was Mr. Burnand who, in turning "Box and Cox" into rhyme for Arthur Sullivan's music, set the fashion for the English Comic Opera which Mr. W. S. Gilbert and Mr. Sullivan have since worked so much to their profit in "H.M.S. Pinafore" and "Patience."

As Editor of *Punch*, Mr. Burnand is emphatically the right man in the right place; and, as a dramatist, he ever endows his characters with so much of the flesh and blood of poor humanity, and constructs his situations with so much skill, as unfailingly to deserve success. Which said, we have great pleasure in adding Mr. Burnand's likeness (from Messrs. Elliott and Fry's photograph) to the Portrait Gallery of the PENNY ILLUSTRATED PAPER.



MR. F. C. BURNAND, EDITOR OF "PUNCH."

DISCOVERY AT LIVERPOOL OF A DIABOLICAL FENIAN PLOT.

IMPORTATION OF INFERNAL MACHINES AS "CEMENT."

WE have authoritative news from Liverpool of a devilish plot, which will, we trust, "cement" the union between the Fenian Conspirators and the hangman. For some time past it has been suspected that a considerable traffic in explosives had been carried on between America and this country, through the agency of certain people in Liverpool who are not licensed to deal in such commodities. Recently more detailed information was received, which caused a sharp lookout to be kept on all goods arriving from the United States at Liverpool.

MAJOR GREIG,

the head of the Liverpool police, and Chief Superintendent Williams, of the Detective Department, were intrusted with the inquiries, and Mr. Gardener, head collector of Customs at Liverpool, was also specially commissioned by Sir Charles Du Cane, chairman of the Board of Customs, closely to watch all arrivals of goods, and generally to investigate the matter. The reports received were to the effect that, by one of the largest vessels of one of the principal lines of steamers sailing between the United States and Liverpool, a number of infernal machines loaded with dynamite were being conveyed to this country. Several vessels were searched, but without any result. On the arrival of

CHARACTERS IN MR. BURNAND'S ÆSTHETIC COMEDY, "THE COLONEL," AT THE PRINCE OF WALES'S.

[SEE "THE PLAYGOER."]

THE MALTA,

belonging to the Cunard Line, however, one particular portion of her cargo aroused suspicion. This was a consignment of a number of barrels of cement, an article which, coming to Liverpool, somewhat resembles the proverbial coals at Newcastle. These barrels were detained, and, in order to keep the matter as secret as possible, it was decided to examine them in the middle of the night. The examination took place in one of the wharves at the Huskisson Dock, none but Custom-House officers being present. Six or seven of the barrels were opened without anything being found, but eventually a barrel was opened which afterwards was noticed to have on it

A BLACK CROSS,

not to be found on the others, and in this were found six zinc boxes, which, upon further examination, proved to be infernal machines, with neatly constructed clockwork and some composition that looked like dynamite ready prepared. Each box contained about 3 lb. of the mixture, one or two of them containing besides a quantity of nitro-glycerine. A clockworker was called in to examine the machinery; he stated that the works were of a very simple but effective kind, and that after being started the machine would run for about six hours, when a portion of the clockwork would move a powerful spring, which would be brought into contact with a percussion cap, and

SO THE EXPLOSIVES WOULD BE FIRED.

During the examination one of the officers incautiously started one of the machines, but the action was, of course, immediately stopped. The Malta

HAD ON BOARD NEARLY 200 PASSENGERS,

and it is terrible to think what would have been the result had one of these machines been started accidentally during the voyage. If to be forewarned is to be forearmed, the Cunard Company will, it is to be hoped, act on the hint given by our Artist, and adopt such precautions as will prevent their steamers from being destroyed in the Atlantic through their acceptance as freight barrels of explosive material from what must have been very questionable customers. The Home Secretary was communicated with, and one of the machines—the explosive stuff having previously been extracted—was forwarded to London for examination. A few days after the arrival of the Malta

THE BAVARIAN,

one of Leyland's steamers, having on board some passengers, but carrying principally cattle, arrived in the same dock. She also had on board some barrels of cement, consigned to the same persons. These were, of course, examined, and in one of the barrels

SIX MORE MACHINES,

constructed on the same plan, were found, each of these containing 3 lb. of explosive material. In some of the barrels, it is stated, some billheads bearing the name of O'Donovan Rossa were found; and, if this has not merely been done by the real consignors of the cement to avert suspicion from themselves, it would appear that Rossa's alleged boast that it was through the agency of himself and his organisation that

THE DOTEREL WAS DESTROYED

was no empty one. It is feared that it will be difficult to establish any charge against the American consignors of the goods which would bring them under the Extradition Act; and, as regards the consignees in this country, it is said that even the offence of importing explosives without a license has not been completed, the barrels not having come into their possession. However, they have not up to the present made any claim for the "cement." Every inquiry is being made in the United States with a view to discover the maker of the clockwork, and generally tracing up full particulars of the matter; but beyond the information thus afforded to the Home Office and the police here, but little has been ascertained. The Customs authorities at Liverpool are still on the alert, as several more attempts will, according to the reports received, be made to import similar infernal machines into this country. The officers at Queenstown and at other ports, to which vessels sail from America, have also been put on their guard.

BY THE EXPLOSIVES ACT,

38, 39 Vic., chap. 17, any person importing explosives without a license is liable to a penalty of £100, or to six months' imprisonment, at the discretion of the justices. The dynamite contained in these machines having been examined, beyond the first examination made by Dr. Brown, by one of her Majesty's inspectors of explosives, was taken out into thirty fathoms of water, in a special steamer, and there destroyed.

It will be seen from Sir William Harcourt's grave statement, reported on another page, that the Government are in correspondence with the United States respecting this abuse of American hospitality; and we have no doubt that President Garfield's Cabinet will make short work of these villanous Fenians when once they are detected.

O'DONOVAN ROSSA ON THE PLOT.

The *Daily News* Correspondent at New York telegraphed as follows last Monday night:—"Mr. O'Donovan Rossa says that as far as he is concerned the Liverpool report of dynamite machines is entirely false. He has not shipped any, knows no one who has, and thinks the story too ridiculous for a sensible person to believe for a moment. If the machines were really found there they were sent as a plot to create prejudice against those who wish freedom for Ireland. Still, it is not improbable that they were sent by Irishmen, judging by the spirit that animates many of them in America, Australia, and England itself. There is a widespread determination among the Irish people, Mr. O'Donovan Rossa says, to teach England that it would be a wise policy to give up the government of Ireland. He declines to answer the question if the Society of United Irishmen is furnishing substantial aid to the secret attacks on the British Government."

A pamphlet, containing the constitution of the United Irish Society, contains a declaration of policy adopted at the Convention in Philadelphia last June. Part of the declaration reads:—

"If attacked at home England is very destructible. Her immense stores of all kinds for her fleets and armies, and her nearly incredible quantity of merchandise, are clustered in large compact inflammable cities. A few honest, earnest, obedient men, under the orders of one intelligent, judicious commander, could in a few days annihilate a very great part of the aggressive and defensive measures of pirate England."

English Channel Tunnel.

SIR E. WATKIN'S ANSWER TO THE INVASION-MONGERS.

SIR EDWARD WATKIN, our Railway Chancellor of the Exchequer, determined to do his utmost to facilitate passenger traffic between England and France, has lent his weighty countenance to the projected Railway Tunnel under the English Channel. London cannot reasonably object to the scheme. Does not the Metropolis itself boast a Tunnel Railway of far greater length than the Channel Tunnel would be; and do not many millions a year travel by the Metropolitan Underground Railway?

BORING FROM DOVER

is progressing steadily, we are glad to learn. The South-Eastern Railway Directors, pioneers with Sir Edward Watkin in the laudable experiments that are being made, have commenced certain works at Dover with the view of ascertaining whether the construction of the Channel Tunnel is feasible. They have sunk two shafts—one at the Abbot's Cliff Tunnel, and the other on this side of the Shakspeare Cliff Tunnel. From the first shaft they have driven a gallery of 800 or 900 yards, of a diameter of 7 ft., which had all been excavated by machinery. The machinery is not perfect, but in one week they excavated sixty-seven yards of lineal distance in the extension of that gallery. If that were the maximum rate of speed, Sir Edward Watkin said it meant about two miles of progress in a year, and as they were working from both ends, and as it was only twenty miles, practically speaking, it meant five years to complete a gallery 7 ft. in diameter as an experiment, under the whole width of the Channel. With regard to the second shaft, at the Shakspeare Cliff, they had sunk that down to a depth of 155 ft. They had also bored from the bottom of that shaft to a further depth of 106 ft. They had gone right through the old grey chalk and right to the galt clay, and he was happy to say that they had found no trace whatever of water. We learn from the *Engineer* that the work of excavation is being done by Beaumont's rotary cutting machine, which gets on very well in soft chalk.

THE COST OF EXISTING TUNNELS

has been governed by such various conditions of locality and soil that they can have little bearing upon the present question. It may be worth while, nevertheless, to cite a few prominent examples. The Mont Cenis Tunnel has cost £195 per linear yard, which would amount, for a length of twenty-two miles, to £7,450,400. The three most costly tunnels made in England have been the Kilsby, the Saltwood, and the Bletchingley, each of which was executed in treacherous strata, giving out large quantities of water. In making the Kilsby Tunnel a hidden quicksand was discovered, by which the works were drowned out. For a considerable time all pumping apparatus appeared insufficient; but by the employment of 3250 men, 200 horses, and 13 steam-engines, working night and day for eight months, 1800 gallons per minute were raised from the quicksand alone. The cost of the work was raised from £70,000, the original estimate, to £350,000, or £145 per yard for 2400 yards. The same rate of expense for twenty-two miles would amount to £5,646,620. The Saltwood tunnel cost £118 per yard, the Bletchingley, £72; or for twenty-two miles, £4,568,960 and £2,787,840, respectively.

The cost of the railway tunnels in France has varied from £30 per yard, being that of Terre Noire, on the Paris, Lyons, and Mediterranean Railway, to £95 per yard, that of Batignolles, near Paris, on the Chemin de Fer de l'Ouest. In Belgium, Braine le Compte Tunnel cost £46 per metre, and the tunnels on the Liège and Verviers line £50 per metre. In Switzerland the very difficult Hauenstein tunnel, between Basle and Berne, cost £80 a yard. In America, the Hoosac tunnel, in Massachusetts, through mica slate mixed with quartz, has up to this time cost £180 per yard, and the Moorhouse tunnel, in New Zealand, through lava streams and beds of tufa, intersected by vertical dykes of phonolite, cost £68 15s. per yard. It will be a convenient standard of comparison for these amounts if we remember that £25 per yard would represent very nearly a million sterling for the 22 miles.

Our Illustration of

DROWNING THE FRENCH PHAROAH

will, we hope, calm the anti-Tunnel prejudices of the timorous old gentleman who now rules the roast at the *Times* office, and who met Sir Edward Watkin's outline of the Channel Tunnel experiments with a fearsome leading-article pointing the submarine road as the route an invading army would take. We now give a practical shape to Sir Edward Watkin's answer to the *Times* panic-monger. Our Engraving shows how by a simple opening of flood-gates, the waters of the Channel might be let in upon the French Army rash enough to attempt an invasion of England via the contemplated English Channel Tunnel, which, we trust, may yet be completed, to the triumph of British engineering skill and British enterprise.

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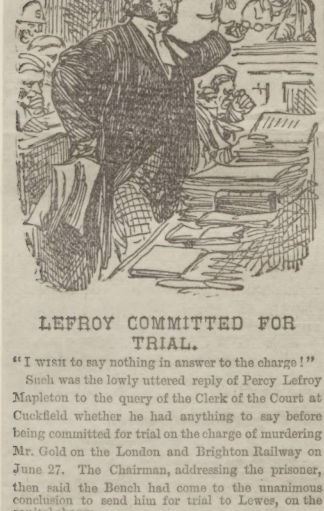
Law and Crime.



LEFROY COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

"I WISH to say nothing in answer to the charge!"

Such was the lowly uttered reply of Percy Lefroy Mapleton to the query of the Clerk of the Court at Cuckfield whether he had anything to say before being committed for trial on the charge of murdering Mr. Gold on the London and Brighton Railway on June 27. The Chairman, addressing the prisoner, then said the Bench had come to the unanimous conclusion to send him for trial to Lewes, on the capital charge.

The prisoner (whose self-possessed demeanour was vividly delineated in the last issue of the PENNY ILLUSTRATED PAPER) simply slightly bowed to the Bench and resumed his seat. He was then removed from the court to the Cuckfield police station, whence he was ultimately driven to Lewes Prison.

Lefroy has since his committal preserved the same quiet demeanour which he has exhibited during his arrest. His health remains good. Subsequent to his conveyance to Lewes Gaol he has engaged himself in elaborate correspondence with his solicitor, Mr. Dutton, and his immediate friends and relatives. In the correspondence he still persists in his innocence, and is as emphatic as ever in his repudiation of the plea of insanity which had been suggested on his behalf. He has also been in communication with Mr. Seale, but it is stated that his letters have not received replies. The officials of Scotland-yard are still prosecuting their inquiries with the view of discovering the missing watch. They regard this as a most important piece of evidence. Their theory is that the prisoner has destroyed it, and that it has not passed into the hands of a second person. So far as the pistol is concerned, they have relinquished their efforts to recover it, except in the neighbourhood of London. The search is continued along the line by the officials of the company and the East Sussex constabulary. Lefroy continues to express a desire that the charge against him should be tried at the Old Bailey. The prisoner seems anxious to see the newspapers, which are supplied to him.

£600 REWARD.

The officers of the corps of Royal Engineers have just offered a reward of £500 in addition to the Government reward of £100, for the discovery of the murderer of Lieutenant Roper, R.E., who was found shot at his quarters at Chatham on the night of Feb. 11.

THE CASE OF EDMUND GALLEY.

The hon. secretaries of the Exeter Committee, who have been watching over the case of Edmund Galley, write expressing the surprise and disappointment which have been occasioned over the whole county of Devon by the refusal of the Home Secretary to recommend any compensation being granted. It is added that for the petition sent from Exeter in his behalf 5000 signatures were obtained, and that those included the names of the Mayors of Exeter, Plymouth, Totnes, Barnstaple, and Tiverton, as well as thirty-five justices of the peace and fifty clergymen. But a shilling from each of the 5000 would bring in a tidy sum for Galley, to whom Sir William Harcourt might at the same time well be a little generous, seeing that the poor old man has been wrongfully imprisoned for the best part of his life for a crime he did not commit.

THE MARQUIS OF TOWNSHEND'S £500.

Mr. Swaine, Chairman of the Wilts Quarter Sessions, has received an official communication from the Home Secretary, stating that he will not interfere with the order of the Court on the Marquis Townshend for payment of £500 for an assault committed by his Lordship on Lord E. Thynne, near Salisbury, in punishment for the latter having run away with Lady Townshend some years ago.

THE WIMBLEDON LARK.

At the Wandsworth Police Court last Saturday Mr. Paget mentioned the case of the "lark's nest," and said he had received a postal order for the fine. He then instructed the police to take the order to the gaol for the discharge of the prisoner. Some time afterwards the magistrate was informed that the fine had already been paid and the man liberated. Four pounds, or twenty-one days, was, indeed, a rather stiff infliction for the carpenter who, too fond of a lark, removed a nest from Wimbledon-common.

DIAMOND CUT DIAMOND.

Albert Frank Oswald, who had an office in London-wall, but refused his private address, was charged at the Guildhall Police Court on Saturday with having unlawfully in his possession diamonds supposed to have been stolen. According to one of the witnesses, the prisoner had voluntarily stated that there were several thousands of pounds' worth of stolen diamonds which had to be taken from this country to the Continent; that there existed a regular diamond trade between England and the Continent; that the diamonds stolen in this country were broken up and sent to the Continent, and that the diamonds stolen on the Continent were sent over here. It was also stated that the prisoner wanted £50 to pay the expenses of realising the diamonds, and that when he came back to England he would give the witness £3000 as his share of the sale.

The prisoner Oswald (who was remanded) was caught in a neat way by Detective-Sergeant William Osborne, who was introduced to Oswald by an Islington draper as a desirable partner. Prisoner showed Osborne five diamonds which he had in his pocket. Suddenly the prisoner said,

"Are you connected with the police?" and Osborne said,

"Well, to be candid with you, I belong to the City Police, and I shall take you into custody for the unlawful possession of those diamonds."

THE PIMLICO LANDLADY AND THE FRENCH BARON.

Pity the sorrows of a Pimlico landlady! M. Edouard du Merry, aged sixty-five, professor of languages and avocat, of 441, Brixton-road, and Jules Fonteneau, tutor, were charged last Saturday, at Westminster, with conspiring with a person not in custody, called the Baron Marie Leopold Guichard de Carayon Latour, to obtain possession of the house, 44, Denbigh-street, Pimlico, and the furniture therein to the amount of £400; and Fonteneau was charged further with disposing of some of the goods, the property of Mrs. Louisa Pettigrew, a widow, of 60, Belgrave-road. Mr. D'Eyncourt discharged both accused, especially exculpating Du Merry; the other, by his own foolish conduct, had himself to thank for having been detained so long—since June 1. At the same time, the property must remain in the hands of the pawnbrokers until further notice, and then he should probably order its restoration on terms to be hereafter settled. Mrs. Pettigrew (widow of a physician) said she was utterly ruined; her only means of living had been taken from her, for she could not let her house owing to its being stripped of furniture. Mr. D'Eyncourt said if her friends would help her in her distress he would only be too happy to assist.

A GOOD HAUL OF PRISONERS FOR THE BELGIAN JEWEL ROBBERY.

The number of incorrigible offenders in London does not decrease, if we may judge from the police reports. Suppose yourself in Bow-street Police Court on Saturday last. George Boscern, 21, of 37, Sydney-street, Chelsea, no occupation, was there charged before Sir James Ingham with burglariously breaking and entering the shop of M. Sturbelle, 11, Rue des Fripiers, and stealing therefrom jewellery amounting in value to £10,000. Fereman Tressard, aged thirty, of 14, Charlton-street, Fitzroy-square, fencing master; George Richards, thirty-two of 111, Great Titchfield-street Marylebone, commission agent; Henri Lavaudier, thirty-eight, of Blackstock-road, Finsbury-park, importer of French goods; Eugène Paterau, thirty-two, of 53, Greek-street, Soho, hairdresser; Alexis Lindais, thirty-one, of 82, Wardour-street, bootmaker; Marguerite Hoveri, a dressmaker, who was living with the last prisoner when taken into custody; and Helen Schwartz, were also charged with being concerned in the robbery, and receiving property, well knowing it to have been stolen. The time of the Court was occupied for two days in taking the evidence of the various pawnbrokers, of whom there were 105, where portions of the property had been pledged by the prisoners. After some further evidence had been given, identifying the property as that of the prosecutor, the case was further adjourned.

ROBBERY OF A BANK IN CUBA.

A despatch from Havana, published in New York, announces that two persons employed in the Manzanzas branch of the Spanish Bank have robbed the establishment of a sum of 200,000 dols. in specie. It is supposed that the guilty parties went to the United States.

SHOCKING SUICIDE AT KENSINGTON.

A coroner's inquiry was held on Monday at Kensington regarding the death of Madame Pieton Lewis, which took place on Sunday morning last. It appeared from the evidence given that deceased, who had been living for some time past in a private hotel near Covent Garden, took breakfast as usual on Sunday morning, and afterwards drank a pint of champagne. She then left the house and proceeded to Moray Lodge, Campden-hill, Kensington, where she arrived at about half-past eleven o'clock. She entered the lodge gates, and meeting a gardener gave him a letter for Mr. Lewis, his master. When the man was about to return with a reply he heard the report of firearms, and on hastening to the spot he found that the unfortunate woman had shot herself with a revolver, and was lying dead upon the lawn. She was elegantly dressed, and wore some jewellery, and had in her purse about thirty shillings in silver. It transpired that the unhappy woman, who was a German, had married a cousin of Mr. Lewis, who resides at Moray Lodge, and who is the senior partner in the firm of Lewis and Allenby. For some time past she had made many applications for money to the family, and it is supposed that on finding she could get no more from them had determined on committing suicide. The inquest was adjourned.

MURDER IN KENSINGTON.

At the Hammersmith Police Court on Tuesday Philip Dawe, an artist, living at Wornington-gardens, North Kensington, was brought up on remand charged with causing the death of a woman named Mary Dean, a widow, by beating her about the head with a Russian club. It appeared from the evidence of the deceased's son that his mother, a widow, who had been living with the prisoner for two years, represented that she was married to him. Police-Constable Ward heard cries of "murder," and found the deceased lying on the bed in a state of insensibility, and she died a few hours afterwards. The prisoner, who reserved his defence, was committed for trial.

THREAT TO MURDER MR. FORSTER.

At Bow-street Police Court on Tuesday Patrick Tadford Hickie, was again brought before Mr. Flowers for further examination on the charge of having maliciously sent a letter threatening the life of the Right Hon. W. E. Forster, the Chief Secretary of State for Ireland. The prisoner was then committed.

A ROMANTIC SUICIDE.

The dead body of a young man named Ambrose Young was discovered on Tuesday morning at his home at Whitton, near Twickenham. The deceased resided with his brother, who is a volunteer. During the latter's absence he obtained his rifle, and some ammunition, served out during the recent Fenian scare in the metropolis, and loaded it with a ball cartridge. He then tied a piece of ribbon to the trigger, and, having made a knot, placed the muzzle of the rifle to his mouth, and discharged the weapon with one of his feet, blowing the top of his head completely away. He was sitting in a chair at the time in his bed-room, and on the table in front of him was found a note addressed to his relatives, bidding them "good-by," and stating that "Elizabeth" was uppermost in his thoughts. It appears that last summer he was engaged to a young woman from Shropshire, and the banns were duly published. A quarrel then took place between them, and the girl went back to her home. She returned to Whitton a short time ago, and on Monday the deceased asked her to go for a walk with him. She refused, and he then went home, where he committed the act during the night.

BRAVERY REWARDED.

At a meeting of the Chapter of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England, held last week at St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, General Sir John St. George, K.C.B., presiding, the silver medal for saving life on land was unanimously voted to George Everett, of Gloucester, for rescuing Edward Prickett, on June 13 last, from a position of great difficulty and danger. Some workmen were taking down a girder at the Old City Gasworks, Gloucester. Prickett was on an iron column 40 ft. high, at one end, and a man named Newey at the other. Suddenly the girder broke in the middle. Newey was flung into an adjoining tank and killed immediately. Prickett tried to jump on to the roof of an adjoining house, but was caught by a rope and was thrown back into the cap at the top of the column, and became insensible. Attempts were made to reach him with a ladder, but the oscillation of the pillar was so great as to threaten to throw him out of the cap. Everett therefore volunteered to ascend the pillar, and did so by "swarming." He then held Prickett securely until ladders were so placed that he could lower him with a rope, at a risk of falling a depth of 80 ft., though fortunately he succeeded in descending himself also in safety.

THE PRINCESS OF WALES has become an honorary member of the Society of Painters in Water Colours.

LORD ROWTON, accompanied by Miss Corry, has arrived from the Continent at his new residence, 31, Hill-street.

THE DUKE OF BEDFORD has gone for a cruise in his yacht off the west coast of Scotland.

THE PRINCE OF WALES, attended by Colonel Teesdale, paid a visit to the Duke of Madrid (Don Carlos), at Brown's Hotel on Monday afternoon.

COLONEL LOYD-LINDSAY, who has been for a considerable time Colonel of the Honourable Artillery Company, has just resigned his post, and the Duke of Portland has now become a member of the Company, and will be its future Colonel. The Prince of Wales remains, as before, honorary Colonel.

SIR EDWIN WATKINS'S REMEDY FOR THE INVASION SCARE: DROWNING THE FRENCH PHAROAH IN THE CHANNEL TUNNEL.—[See Page 70.]

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Our Irish Letter.

REASSURING ITEM FROM DOON.

I am glad to be in a position to announce that the two mysterious deaths near Doon, County Tipperary, reported in my last, turned out to be entirely accidental, and not, as feared, an agrarian outrage.

FORGERY IN DUBLIN.

A most extensive and extraordinary fraud upon the Government has come to light quite accidentally. Thomas Colclough of Mount Henry, Dalkey, late Stamp Distributor in the Queen's Bench Division, was charged at the Northern Police Court Dublin last week with having forged a die or stamp, and with having knowingly exposed forged stamps for sale. It is supposed the forgery has been in operation for nearly ten years and that the Government have been defrauded of several thousands of pounds during that period. The prisoner was committed for trial without bail.

LEFROY AND IRELAND.

It would appear now that the celebrated Lefroy has tried his hand at duping some of the Theatrical Managers in Ireland, from a correspondence which passed between him and Mr. James Scanlan, of the Opera House, Cork. The latter gentleman, however, was too wide-awake to be caught even by so carefully laid a scheme as Lefroy planned.

IRISH JURIES.

The trial last week of Mr. John R. O'Gorman, Charleville, hotel proprietor, for refusing to entertain two members of the Emergency Committee illustrates fully the manner in which justice is being dispensed in Ireland at the present day. There is no doubt that if Mr. O'Gorman had entertained the emergency men, and kept them in his hotel despite the threats and murmurs heard by reliable witnesses against his so doing, he would have been a marked, if not a ruined, man for life. In his charge to the jury the Judge did not allude to this or any mitigating circumstances, but put it to the jury to find if Mr. O'Gorman refused to entertain the two emergency men. This the defendant himself had already admitted, but the jury agreed not to take the Judge's ruling on the question at issue, and refused to find a verdict one way or the other as the Judge directed, and were eventually discharged without agreeing. The trial had to be postponed to the next Assizes.

JUSTIN.

WAIFS FROM IRELAND.

LAND LEAGUE DEMONSTRATION IN DUBLIN.

A "great demonstration," convened, as the placards intimated, "to enable the inhabitants of the metropolis and surrounding districts to express their sympathies with the cause of the down-trodden labourers, artisans, and tenant-farmers of Ireland," was held on Sunday in the Phœnix Park, close to the Viceregal Lodge, but was not at all so successful as was expected—that is, if the Land League view of the situation were correct—namely, that the citizens of Dublin generally are in favour of the Land League programme. Rain cooled the ardour of the orators, Mr. Sexton, M.P.; Mr. Healy, M.P.; and Mr. Winks, of "the English Democratic Federation."

LIMERICK AND THE LAND LEAGUE.

At the meeting of the Limerick Central Land League on Saturday, complaint was made by one of the members, Mr. Abraham, that the shopkeepers of Limerick, with few exceptions, were apathetic to the cause of the Land League.

MURDER OF A POLICEMAN AT LOUGHREA.

Last Sunday night a daring murder was perpetrated in Church-street, Loughrea. It appears that Constable Linton, when passing on duty through Church-street, was fired at. He ran towards the main street, shouting in a faint voice, "Stop the murderer, stop the murderer," but fell about half way to Scanlan's Hotel. The unfortunate man expired twenty minutes after. Dr. Burke found that the bullet entered the abdomen and passed through the lower portion of the stomach. A force of police proceeded to the house of Michael Dilveen, and arrested him. They next proceeded to the house of Patrick Hynes, and also placed him under arrest.

THE MYSTERIOUS DEATHS IN LIMERICK.

The inquest on Michael Richardson and Thomas Richardson, who met their deaths on the 13th inst. at the Cross Roads, near Bilboa, in the county of Limerick, was resumed last Saturday. The jury returned the following verdict:—"That Thomas Richardson, from the evidence produced, was accidentally killed by the upsetting of a gig, and we desire to add our protest against the vile attempt to blacken this peaceable locality as evidenced by the article in the *Limerick Chronicle*."

DEATH OF THE BISHOP OF KERRY.

Dr. M'Carthy, Roman Catholic Bishop of Kerry, died on Saturday morning.

SHOOTING CASE.

Five men who were in custody at Tralee charged with shooting a bailiff, near Castle Island, were finally discharged on Saturday for want of evidence. Two of the witnesses were ordered to be prosecuted for perjury.

CHARGE OF RIOTING.

At Ballyfarnon, near Carrick-on-Shannon, forty-eight persons were on Saturday charged with riot at Readue, where eight hundred persons assembled to cut the turf of Patrick Lynch, a local "suspect," and afterwards made a threatening demonstration. They were bound over to keep the peace.

Chat of the Gossips.

["WHAT THE *World* SAYS."]

The dance at Marlborough House was one of the pleasantest as well as one of the last festivities of the London season. No host and hostess understand more thoroughly nor perform more cordially and gracefully their duties than the Prince and Princess of Wales.

The sudden change in the weather, though a boon to the dancers, rather interfered with the *al fresco* preparations; and the gardens, so charmingly and invitingly set out, were deserted on account of the chilliness of the night. Supper was served in a long tent in the grounds; inside, the rooms were charmingly decorated with flowers, whilst huge blocks of ice helped to cool the air. Needless to say that the brave and fair as well as the great contributed to swell the throng.

Here is a description of a ball given by the last Prince of Wales, afterwards George IV.:—"On June 19, 1811, the Prince of Wales gave a ball at Carlton House. The company began to assemble at nine. The Royal family, with the principal nobility and gentry, came early. Owing to the excessive heat of the weather, there was very little dancing. Supper was announced at two, when the company descended by the great staircase to the apartments below and the temporary buildings on the lawn. The grand table extended the whole length of the conservatory and across Carlton House to the length of two hundred feet. Along the centre of the table, about six inches above the surface, a canal of pure water continued flowing from a silver fountain beautifully constructed at the head of the table. Its banks were covered with green moss and aquatic flowers; gold and silver fish swam and sported through the bubbling current, which produced a pleasing murmur where it fell, and formed a cascade at the outlet. At the head of the table, above the fountain, sat his Royal Highness. His most particular friends were arranged on each side of him. They were attended by sixty servitors; seven waited on the Prince, besides six of the King's and six of the Queen's footmen in their state liveries, with one more in a complete suit of ancient armour. When the whole company was seated, there was a line of female beauty more richly adorned [and less virtuous] than England probably ever displayed before. When dancing commenced, the gay throng stepped over floors chalked with Mosaic devices, and moved through thickets of roses, geraniums, and other fragrant sweets, illuminated by variegated lights that gleamed like stars through the foliage."

Is not the Isle of Wight royally blessed? The southern home of the Queen, the resort of the Crown Prince and Princess of Prussia, the temporary residence of the Duchess of Edinburgh and her children, the rendezvous of the Prince and Princess of Wales, and others only less illustrious, not the least honised being Sir Frederick Roberts, who has been the guest at Ryde of General Sir Samuel Browne. Who shall say that the prospects of the yachting season in the Solent are not favourable from the fashionable point of view?

The Irish Land Bill has immensely strengthened the position of Mr. Gladstone and his colleagues, not because there is a universal conviction that it will remedy all Irish grievances and remove the causes of Irish agitation, but because it has been the occasion for the display of attributes by the Premier which never fail to win for men the homage and confidence of their fellows. It may be almost said of Mr. Gladstone, in reference to this political feat, "Alone he did it!"

Bath awoke from its usual summer somnolence last week on the occasion of a visit from the Duke and Duchess of Connaught. Great were the preparations made by the worthy Mayor to do them honour, Milsom-street being banked with flowers, and a temporary railway platform constructed in Sydney Gardens. But, alas, the Royal pair looked bored almost beyond endurance! And why? The civic zeal had forgotten that, what with a railway journey and a tedious ceremony of distribution of prizes at the school for daughters of officers, their distinguished visitors might feel more than ordinarily the pangs of commonplace hunger.

Prince and Princess Christian have been down to Ealing to inspect the site at Eton Rise which has been purchased for the Princess Helena College. Their Royal Highnesses traced out the plan of the buildings during their visit, going into the details in the most practical manner. The Duke of Albany will probably lay the foundation-stone about the end of October.

The truth about the young Earl of Arundel and Surrey trickles out very slowly; but there can now no longer be any doubt of the extent of the affliction of the Duke and Duchess of Norfolk. Not only is their child blind, as is already known, but the rays of reason are likewise wanting. The affliction is a very terrible one.

Brighton was en fête on Thursday week to welcome the Prince and Princess of Wales. It must be confessed that they do things well at that queen of watering-places. The decorations were extensive and admirable. The street from the station, with its innumerable banners and hundreds of pendent paper lanterns, might have been in a Japanese city. North-street was equally gay, and the whole of the sea-front ornamented by Venetian masts, backed by tall houses draped with gorgeous hangings, had a most picturesque effect from the sea.

The sports and illuminations at night were on the widest scale. The Old Steyne was like a fairy garden, and the Pavilion hung with countless coloured lamps, and its garden, jewelled with the same, was an embodied dream of the "Arabian Nights." A great feature was the torchlight procession—a long array of figures in quaint fancy dresses, headed by bands, and followed by carriages and fire-engines all filled with torch-bearers.

The shores of the Lake of Geneva are a very popular resort just now. Many of the beautiful villas studded along the Swiss bank are inhabited by English and American residents, who are delighted to enjoy warmth and sunshine combined with a glorious view of the distant Alps and Mont Blanc.

Sir Robert and Lady Emily Peel and their youthful family are residing at their beautiful villa, a little way out of Geneva.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has had a pretty little Una boat built for him at Cowes. She has been named the Olivette, and is painted white, with a red and blue stripe round her. It is said that H.R.H. enjoys sailing about in small craft at Cowes. As these Una boats are about the most difficult of any sort of small craft to handle, it is to be hoped all will go well with this pretty little craft.

The entries for the Queen's Cup at Cowes this year are not expected to be numerous. Probably the schooners will be represented by Egeria, Waterwitch, Hildegarde, Enchantress, and Shark. The R.Y.S. have no yawl at present fitted out with any pretensions to racing. Their only cutter is H.R.H.'s Formosa, and it is not known if she is to race at all this season.

For the first time in the annals of yachting, an English racing-cutter is to cross the Atlantic to try conclusions with the Yankee sloops, Mr. James Coates, of Paisley, intending to take his famous little ten-tonner Madge to America on the deck of one of the Anchor Liners. Next week she will have some larger spars and sails than at present, to enable her to compete with the American sloops, all of whom have enormous masts and sails. Madge will be rated at about sixteen tons by the New York rules, and will have to compete with vessels quite double her tonnage.

Two years ago Mr. Coates brought over from America one of the fastest sloops of her tonnage there, of about sixteen tons, with a Yankee to sail her, who on seeing Madge guessed he would beat that craft; however, Madge sailed round her in the first mile. Judged by that performance, Madge should have a good time in America. Mr. Coates deserves the best wishes of all yachtsmen for his sporting idea of showing the Yankees what our national rig, even when represented by a small boat, is like.

The great musical festival to be given at Brighton on Sept. 6, 7, and 8, in order to receive a number of Continental choral societies, and give them a brilliant reception at our great watering-place, promises to be a remarkable gathering. The French Ambassador, the members for Brighton, and a number of our greatest musical celebrities have signified their lively interest in the affair.

I hear that the Promenade Concerts in Covent Garden begin on Aug. 6, and are to be continued for two months certain—if successful, even longer. Mr. Crowe, the able leader from Southport, has engaged an excellent orchestra, with Mr. Carrodus as leader, and such singers as Mr. McGuckin, Madame Sterling, Miss Orridge, and, for the first two weeks as principal soprano, Miss Warnots.

Adelina Patti, after singing airs of "Traviata" "Romeo," and others, received from the most brilliant company, including the Diplomatic Corps, ovations and homages of the most flattering kind on Sunday night at M. de Rothschild's. She left on Monday, at 4.55, for Aix-les-Bains.

Madame Nilsson has passed a few days with Lord and Lady Salisbury at Hatfield House, Herts.

Many Volunters intend wearing the florin-piece granted them in lieu of rations for their attendance at the Windsor Review as a medal.

Some three hundred of the London Scottish Volunteers

intend participating in the Scottish Volunteer Review at Holyrood on the 28th prox., the Great Northern Railway having undertaken to give them return tickets available for fifteen days at a very low rate.

Wimbledon has demonstrated one thing, if nothing else: that the Martini-Henry rifle has been left far behind by the Metford rifle in its various modifications, while that again is said to be decidedly eclipsed by Sharp's American small-bore. I find, in the opinion of competitors, that the second stage of the Queen's Prize with the Henry rifle is felt to be quite a lottery.

Sports and Pastimes.

DECLINE OF "GLORIOUS GOODWOOD."

What is up through "Glorious Goodwood" is in the air—politics towards—Town, there is abundant reason for the herald's note of Goodwood's decadence which has been sounded with accustomed boldness by the lusty "Pendragon" in the *Referee*. It may be granted that this race-meeting is profitable to the Duke of Richmond, to the Sussex flyers, and the extortionate innkeepers of those parts. Goodwood is also welcome to the rich and idle classes because it culminates in an extraordinary and very pressing rise close of the London season. But from a Turf point of view Goodwood has produced no 1st best days. The meeting of last autumn was worse patronised of sport than even the miserable fields and plating bags of last year; and, when compared with 1879, presented a sorry contrast to the brilliancy of the carnival on the Roodeye Heath, albeit the company was select and well dressed, and the conformation of the lovely race course was in excellent order. The scene of desolation was at its worst on the two grand events of the week—the Stakes and the Cup. In years gone by the Goodwood Stakes fixture was one of the best in the autumn long-distance line of the summer season, which drew together first-class horses, over which considerable sums of money could be won in bets, and for which large fields of runners went to the post, such as always were worth Westminster Palace Hotel and Tattersall's attention. Even the Lavant Stakes (now of Doncaster) were. The cause was the weight distribution, for, out of an eager list of early entries seven to nine, fourteen paid forfeit, leaving no more than thirteen as starters, and even this baker's dozen was still further reduced by the striking out of Zenict, Reveller, Edelweiss, Incitatus, Windsor, and Mordake, all of whom seemed to have a chance of success. The Goodwood Cup, too, which promised a grand set-to between Robert the Devil and Rosicrucian, has been shorn of its attractiveness by the withdrawal of both these esteemed horses, the uncertain Peter ruling as leading favourite, despite his wayward disposition, and the doubts as to his partiality for a long, tiring course such as that round the Clump.

When the early trains were bowling into Chichester last Tuesday morning the hope was entertained that the Goodwood Meeting would open in fair weather, for the rain held off between six and nine o'clock, and the showers that came until the arrival of the Prince and Princess of Wales with the Duke of Richmond's house party at the Stand were neither frequent nor heavy. While Frontier was upsetting calculations in the Craven Stakes, however, and Lord Bradford's Posthuma filly was bringing more grist to the bookmakers' mill, the scene darkened; and after Camelliard and Sunshine had put backers on good terms with themselves by winning the Gratwicke Stakes and the match, a storm blew up over Trundle Hill that cleared the paddock, and made things very uncomfortable for those not on seeing the Goodwood Cup fixture played out. The storm was at its height while the great event was being run, and very few saw the race, whether they ventured on the edges of the course or took shelter under the pavilions. Six furlongs from home the Lot eased up, and Brown Bess soon afterward drew herself clear of Stitchery, Sans Culotte, Blackthorn, Prudhomme, and Exeter. A couple of furlongs from home Exeter and Stitchery gave way, and the three placed joining issue ran a pretty race home, which ended in favour of Brown Bess by three-quarters of a length, Prudhomme second, and Blackthorn third; Exeter fourth, Stitchery fifth, and Whisht last, beaten off.

THE ROYAL REGATTAS

off the Isle of Wight will be commenced next week for the recreation of the idlers of fashion who, sheeplike, follow with unfailing docility the lead of the Royal bell-wether.

Apropos of yachting, the Royal Ulster Regatta (if that can be properly called Royal which only receives a nominal annual expense allowance) in Belfast Lough in fine calm weather, and a large fleet of racing vessels come down from the Clyde to harbour to take part in the race here. In more open water than the Belfast Lough—as, for instance, in the Solent—after Mr. Jameson's cutter had passed four consecutive victories in the Royal Northern and Royal Clyde regattas. In the forty-mile match the Arrowa had opened up a several mile of water, and had long since become a mere mass. The Swallow sailed a good race, which the new Lymington boat beat Arrowhead won, the rousing up five hours out of the last six minutes she has sailed. The Neptune seems invincible in the 10-ton class at least in northern waters—as she was again victorious; and, as the last week's results at Bangor, the Nore, and Cork bear out the five-ton line.

SWIM FROM PUTNEY TO WESTMINSTER.

The competition for the Long Distance Swimming Championship which Mr. Horace Davenport held so long has been handed forward to next Saturday, the 30th inst., and a fine race it was certain to be on Saturday last, the contest being from Putney to Westminster, a distance of about five miles and three quarters. A steamer had been chartered, in addition to the usual tugs, a number of yachts accompanied the competitors. Besides the Thames Conservancy, the Floating Baths Company provided a boat for the first two miles, and about a dozen rowing boats, and punts, and skiffs, and other craft, including a number of steam launches, with a number of men in four of the boats.

Twenty-nine competitors came to the starting-point, and started in the following order and times:—W. R. Inderwick, Dublin S.C., 1 hour 21 min. 07 sec., 1; A. F. Bettinson, 1 hour 22 min. 10 sec., 2; W. A. Booth, Cygnus S.C., 1 hour 22 min. 25 sec., 3; J. Hague, Mydleton S.C., 1 hour 23 min. 40 sec., 4; G. A. Iter, Regent S.C., 1 hour 24 min., 5; W. Henry, Zephyr S.C., 1 hour 24 min. 30 sec., 6; G. Spong, Cygnus S.C., 1 hour 25 min. 22 sec., 7; G. Bell, Sandringham S.C., 1 hour 26 min. 3 sec., 8; B. Phillips, Hackney S.C., 1 hour 26 min. 40 sec., 9; W. Randall, Surbiton S.C., 1 hour 26 min. 40 sec., 10; H. Tolley, Mitcham S.C., 1 hour 27 min. 5 sec., 11; B. J. Phillips, Hackney S.C., 1 hour 27 min. 37 sec., 12; G. R. Bettinson, 1 hour 28 min. 30 sec., 13; J. Wilson, Caledonian R.C., 1 hour 29 min. 8 sec., 14; S. Hilder, 45 sec. 8 sec., 1 hour 29 min. 15 sec., 15; J. Hart, Mitcham S.C., 1 hour 29 min. 25 sec., 16; G. E. Sweeny, 1 hour 30 min., 17; P. W. Small, Cygnus S.C., 1 hour 30 min. 40 sec., 18; W. Hassall, Surbiton S.C., 1 hour 34 min. 12 sec., 19; J. Wallace, 1 hour 35 min. 30 sec., 20; G. H. Payne, Nautilus S.C., 1 hour 35 min. 22 sec., 21; W. Every, 0; G. Austin, 0; J. Dooling, Dreadnought S.C., 0; P. E. Evans, 0; W. H. Iter, Regent S.C., 0 (holder); W. Lull, 0; J. Payne, Nautilus S.C., 0; and T. A. Gurney, 0, Middle S.C., 0.

Soon after three o'clock the competitors were started by Mr. H. J. Hackett. Avery was the first to show in front, a few feet behind whom came W. R. Iter, last year's winner, with Booth third. To Chelsea Reach W. R. Iter had to give up owing to an attack of cramp. Just before reaching Westminster Bridge Bettinson took the lead, come behind whom came Booth. Richardson, however, was fast overhauling the leading, and succeeded in swimming into the position of second to Bettinson. Coming along by Millbank Richardson drew rapidly away, and ultimately won by 50 sec from Bettinson, Booth securing second place after a severe struggle with Booth, one of the best breast swimmers we have.

The judges were Messrs. J. Cole, H. P. Banks, C. O'Malley, C. White, sen., and W. W. Ramsden. Timekeepers, W. J. Rose, W. Rose, and Charles Dean, all possessing so excellent a swimmer as Mr. Richardson is.

According to custom, an open amateur handicap was held [illegible] in the evening. The course was from the Bath [illegible] to the landing-stage. Mr. H. P. Banks again gave the amateur swimmers the benefit of his judgment, and the following were the handicaps:—

We give the result of the final heat for the 180 yards handicap:—R. J. Iliff, 65 sec., 1; R. Wise, 40 sec., 2; W. Tyrer, 46 sec., 3. Wise, going very strongly, got alongside Iuff soon after turning into the third length, but the latter, although but a youngster (under sixteen), stuck to his man like a leech, and, swimming in hitting style, got the best of the struggle twenty yards from home, and won by five yards. Bravo, Iuff!

The second swimming competition instituted by the "Working Men's Lounge and Literary Institute" took place between Barnes's Baths and the White Hart, Barnes, on Saturday last, the 23rd inst. The trophy for the winning team, to be held for one year, consisted of a handsome silver cup, presented to the Union by the Duke of Abercorn, and a silver medal for the winner is a silver medal, presented by Mr. Robert Taylor. The following clubs entered this year:—Boyd Institute, J. Byford; Borough of Finsbury Club, G. Hammond; Common-Wealth, J. Sopwith and H. Percy St. Thomas's, C. Thomas; St. Mark's, A. R. Pyle and F. Keene; Kingston, T. Filmer. The order in which [illegible] were placed was as follows:—Duke of Abercorn, 1; Thames, 2; [illegible], 3; [illegible], 4; [illegible], 5; time, 11 min. 20 sec. A. J. Proctor, member of the Union Club, acted as judge. After the race the competitors and their friends "partook of" tea at the Barnes Institute.

The two captaincies—professional and amateur—of the Holborn Gymnastic Club were decided on Saturday at the Welsh Harp, Hendon, on Saturday. The professional course was one mile in the lake. Dawes rounded the punt fully fifty yards ahead, which he kept throughout, winning easily; Cantle second, and Howard third. The amateur course was half a mile. E. Clutterbuck swam a breast stroke throughout, and won easily.

The sixth annual entertainment in connection with the Norwood Club took place on Saturday afternoon in the lake at South Norwood Park. The 100 Yards Open Handicap was won by A. P. Hickey, King's College Swimming Club, with 25 sec. start, by two yards from H. W. Allingham, of St. George's Hospital, 20 sec. start. The scratch men in the 500 Yards Open Handicap were beaten by a lad under fifteen, A. Goodwyn, 150 sec. start.

The mile professional championship for the handsome prizes presented by Mr. Melerbiane, proprietor of the [illegible] Arms, will take place in the Welsh Harp lake at Hendon this (Saturday) evening. Start at six sharp. Entries, some of the very swiftest swimmers in England.

W. Beckwith, 500 yards champion.	A. S. Robinson, Leeds, ex-1000 yards and 500 yards amateur champion.
W. Dawes (late of Plymouth).	
S. Abbott (late of Manchester).	Julius Gautier (late of France).

The amateur championship (one mile in still water) will be swum at Elstree Reservoir on Saturday, Aug. 13.

Swimmers desirous of enjoying a congenial Bank Holiday next Monday should run down by the cheap excursion on the London and South-Western line to Portsmouth, and assist as lookers-on at the Portsmouth Swimming Festival.

The Prince of Wales has sold his yacht Formosa to Mr. Bischoffsheim.

Tenderden Cricket Club amateur athletic sports will be held in the grounds of the new college on Wednesday, Aug. 3.

LONDON BICYCLE CLUB.

On Saturday last this club held its annual meeting at Stamford-bridge. Four events were on the card, and two of these—the Two Miles Bicycle Handicap and Five Miles Open Race—were secured by G. L. Hillier, who rode in very fine style, and whose times were 6 min. 58 sec., and 16 min. 54 sec.

G. W. Waller opened his Bicycle and Recreation Grounds, Dulford-street, Notting-hill, on Saturday last, in favourable circumstances. An excellent programme of [illegible] was carried out, and the [illegible] in the best known manner; and a good day's sport is to come with the [illegible] has been formed.

On Bank Holiday, Aug. 1, a great International bicycle match will take place at the Crystal Palace between J. Keen (English champion) and F. de Cruz (French champion). Another event is a Mile Race, starting 1 min. start. They start at 2 p.m.

The Kendal and Windermere Cricket Match took place last Saturday at the Zoological Gardens, Oxford. Appended are the scores:—Kendal—[illegible]. Oxford—Wells, Wenman, Hon. A. Lyttelton, Hon. R. Lyttelton, Hon. A. Devereux, Hon. Bridgwater, Chippenham, Bridgewater, Somerset, Hallgate, and Salisbury. There was first a procession of bicycles, and the sports were held in the afternoon. Some of the riding was very fine, especially that of the young Clifton rider, F. R. Fry, who won two of the chief prizes easily—the mile scratch race by 4 yards, time 3 min. 12 sec.; and the Five-Miles Handicap by 20 yards with 90 yards' start, C. King, the second man, having had 320 yards' start!

Mr. H. L. Cortis, last year's bicycle champion, purposes making his reappearance in the saddle on Bank Holiday at the sports promoted by the Liverpool Constitutional Association.

CRICKET.

Lord Sheffield, president of the Sussex County Club, has generously forwarded Lillywhite a cheque for £100 towards the wounds each friend.

Surrey won the toss on Monday at Maidstone, and began batting with Messrs. Pontifex and Cattley, the Kent bowlers being Mr. A. Hearn and Wootton. Messrs. Read, Jas. Remy-Tallyour, Mr. W. W. Read, and Jones all distinguished themselves, the first named playing a grand innings of 81, not out. The total was 245 before the last Surrey wicket fell, at half-past four. Kent were batting for ten minutes to five till half-past six, and scored 117 for four wickets. Jones bowled excellently, and the "c and b" which dismissed Mr. Tylecote was a terribly hot one.

The return-match between Sussex and Nottingham commenced on Monday at Brighton, the weather being fine, the wicket in capital order, and the attendance numerous. Nottingham having won the toss, went in to bat. Having played remarkably well for 54, Butler was bowled by Mr. Buckland. Towards the close of the innings there was some free hitting by Sherwin, Wright, and Shooter, the total amounting to 174. Messrs. Ellis and Alfred Greenfield started the Sussex innings in splendid style, and, despite various changes of bowling, made 112 before they were parted.

In meeting Gloucestershire on Monday on the Brammall-lane ground at Sheffield, the Yorkshiremen were placed at an enormous disadvantage by the absence of Ulyett, who has not yet got over his recent accident. Yorkshire is no always unlucky this season, as only a fortnight ago Alan Hill mastered his other leg. As at Manchester last week, Gloucestershire had to play without Mr. Gilbert or Mr. Moberly. Yorkshire won the toss and went in first, Bates and Hall opening the innings to the bowling of Mr. W. G. Grace and Woof. In the latter part of the innings no one but Grimshaw could do anything against Midwinter's fast-rate bowling. The innings closed for 116. But the Graces did not do much for Glo'ster's first innings.

Aspleudi team of Yorkshire Gentlemen was got together at York on Monday to oppose the Harrow Wanderers, and the home eleven had considerably the best of the day's cricket. The Wanderers, too, were stronger than usual, Mr. Hornby taking his place in the eleven, and Mr. M. P. Lucas playing instead of Mr. Oscar Isaacs.

On Monday at Lord's M.C.C. and Ground v. Clifton College was commenced in fine weather and on a good wicket. The M.C.C. took first innings, putting together the large total of 405 (F. J. Welman 120). The Clifton boys had two hours' batting, and in that time lost eight wickets for 151 runs.

Reigate's annual week's cricket commenced on Monday with a one-day match between Reigate Priory and the Stock Exchange. Thanks chiefly to the fine batting of Mr. A. P. Lucas and the bowling of Mr. C. E. Cottrell, the Stock Exchange won on the first innings by 140 runs.

Nunhead, noted for its cemetery, was an appropriate place enough for the *Times v. Field* match last Saturday, won by the former.

Amateur Jockeys v. Professional Jockeys was played at Prince's Ground on Saturday. The Amateurs batted much more freely than their opponents, the latter at the close of an innings each being in a minority of 243 runs. Captain Middleton's 100 was the score of the match.

Matches for the close of the week:—At Liverpool, Yorkshire v. Lancashire; at Maidstone, Kent v. Sussex; at Nottingham, Gloucestershire v. Nottinghamshire. On Bridsy: At Lord's, M.C.C. and Ground v. Rugby; at the Oval, Surrey Club and Ground v. Uppingham School.

Lancashire and Yorkshire met on the Hanson-lane Football Ground, Halifax, on Saturday afternoon, to contest their second lacrosse game, which resulted in an easy victory for Lancashire by four goals to nil.

The Private Banks Athletic Club, on Saturday last, in delightful weather, had their annual gathering, under the presidency of Lord Worcester, at Catford-bridge. The bank clerks, in this age of City labour sweating, might well have preferred a more liberal president than this close-fisted Lord.

Mousley Regatta would have been a very pleasant gala on Saturday had it not been for the caddish behaviour of the executive. Put rowing flannels on some men, and they lose their heads directly. Eyre and Hastie being in the Thames Four, the Senior Fours fell to the victorious Thames Rowing Club, which also won the Senior Eights.

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A pike was recently taken from the Ouse in the vicinity of Stockeld Park, Wetherby, Yorkshire, measuring in the neighbourhood. The measurement was 3ft. 10 in.; weight, 25lb. 10oz. It was in very poor condition, or should have weighed nearly 40lb.

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While great men work and die, however, the ball of pleasure must be kept rolling, Ladies and Gentlemen. Look at the Commons' Show; and ye find Gladstone still the youngest man of them all, conquering all along the line with his Irish Land Bill, and his victory over Hicks-Beach on the Transvaal Trouble (for which I, for one, cannot quit the lotus-eating Lord Kimberley of blame); whilst Home Secretary Harcourt makes each individual hair stand on end by his revelations of the Fenian Nitro-Glycerine Plot. Ye will not withhold your best thanks to these public men for faithfully sticking to Duty. But if thanks be *their* due, what shall we say of the self-sacrifice of the Slaves of Fashion? What praise can be warm enough for the Prince, who has his feelings under such command that he can serenely flit from the graveside of a friend on Monday to Goodwood Races on Tuesday? Change—that's the Prince's book. We live in a Fast Age; and the Prince is an Express Prince. Here to-day, and there to-morrow, he travels the railway of life by *grande vitesse*. Odd fellow-travellers H.R.H. inevitably meets with. Some very odd fish were to be noticed at Goodwood—odd fish ye couldn't very well touch without becoming scaly. Apropos, I may take the opportunity to read from my common-place book the grave and well-weighed words of counsel that fell from the lips of Dean Stanley in the course of his thanksgiving sermon for the recovery of H.R.H.:—"If there were any who

under the guise of friendship played the part of the tempter and evil counsellor, these, far more than wild fanatics or feeble parasites of the multitude, were the real traitors and enemies alike of Sovereign, Prince, and People. It was by our levity that creatures such as these were encouraged in their miserable folly, and it was by our firmness that they might be discouraged and cowed. On these, and such as these, whosoever they might be, men or women, high or low, the Day of Thanksgiving was, or ought to have been, a day of doom."

The next thing in our Show, Ladies and Gentlemen, is the Ghost ye will always have with ye—whilst shoddy builders flourish that tenants may decay. The Prince's Palace and the Peasant's Cottage are alike haunted by this Ghoul. His birthplace is the drain. He pushes his loathsome form through rat-holes, laths and plaster, and pervades every room. Here he kills with his foul breath an honoured Dean. There he pollutes the lips of a little one with diphtheria. He sows the seeds of fever and smallpox. He thins our ranks by thousands. He is our deadliest enemy. The Drive-us-out-of-Town Demon is now sending whole families pell-mell from London. He is preparing an epidemic of Scarlet Fever for their return. Ladies and Gentlemen, I put it to ye straight—shall we allow this Spectre to breed a new Plague of London? If ye take my advice, ye will rush to the seaside at once, leaving your houses to be thoroughly overhauled and redrained by the time ye come back to your sweetened homes.

As for those of ye who *must* stop in town, drop in for an hour's laughter over "Æstheticism Gone Mad at St. James's Hall." I have always held "Pony Moore" in great admiration for his high spirits, and uproarious "go;" but never suspected him to be an æsthete. Go and see him, my limp and languid ones, and feast your yearning eyes on the sunflower my good friend Wallis Mackay has humorously furnished Moore with in "Da-Do-Dum!"

Another Bank Holiday! Let us fervently pray for fine weather on Monday next—for the sakes both of caterers and holiday-makers. We give ye a faint idea of the colossal commissariat stores Messieurs Jones and Barber are heaping up for Bank Holiday at the Alexandra Palace; and I should just like to conduct the Duke of Cambridge and Childers over Jones and Barber's kitchen to give them a notion how to feed an Army as large as will throng to Muswell Hill to enjoy the good things provided for them on Monday next. CODLIN.

GALE AT NEWFOUNDLAND.

Advices from St. John's, Newfoundland, dated July 10, state that a destructive gale swept the straits of Belle Isle on July 1. It extended along the coast, and destroyed nearly all the small craft in the various harbours. At the Isle of Bois the brigs Aurora and Guide, owned at Carbonear, and a schooner owned by Mr. Snellgrove, of Catalina, were totally wrecked. The full extent of the damage has not yet been ascertained.

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